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SUBJECT: VISIT TO ICELAND BY PLO REPRESENTATIVE

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1. AT INVITATION OF GROUP CALLED "PALESTINE COMMITTEE IN
ICELAND" (SEE REF A), REPRESENTATIVE OF PLO, DAOUD KALOTI,
IS CURRENTLY VISITING ICELAND. KALOTI DESCRIBED IN PRESS
AS PLO REPRESENTATIVE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES BASED IN
STOCKHOLM. NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF HIS VISIT HAS BEEN
LIMITED TO SMALL ARTICLES IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PAPER
AND LEFTIST PEOPLES ALLIANCE DAILY. KALOTI REPORTEDLY
HELD TWO MEETINGS APRIL 24, ONE OF WHICH WAS WITH PALESTINE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE OTHER WITH PUBLIC. NO
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MENTION MADE IN PRESS OF ATTENDANCE OR TOPICS DIS-
CUSSED AT EITHER MEETING. ON APRIL 25 KALOTI GAVE
PRESS CONFERENCE DURING WHICH HE SAID PLO SUPPORTED
INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE WITH FULL RIGHTS FOR
ALL CITIZENS. HE CRITICIZED ZIONISTS AND IMPERIALISTS,
CHIEFLY THE AMERICANS, WHO, HE DECLARED, STAND IN
WAY OF SUCH A STATE, AND NOTED THAT PLO DOES NOT

ADVOCATE ACTS OF TERRORISM SINCE SUCH ACTS DO NOT
SERVE PLO ENDS. ON APRIL 26 HE MET WITH MIDDLE-LEVEL
OFFICIAL IN MFA INTERNATIONAL DIVISION AND LATER
APPEARED ON WEEKLY ICELANDIC FOREIGN AFFAIRS TV PRO-
GRAM. DURING TV DISCUSSION HE CONTINUALLY BLAMED
AMERICA FOR PREVENTING JUST SOLUTION TO PALESTINIAN
PROBLEM AND NOTED THAT US WAS GREATEST ENEMY NOT ONLY
OF PALESTINIANS BUT OF ALL OF THIRD WORLD.
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2. COMMENT: IN DISCUSSION TODAY (APRIL 27) MFA
OFFICIAL INFORMED DCM THAT KALOTI CLAIMED PRIVATELY
THAT MAIN REASON FOR HIS TRIP WAS TO PREPARE WAY FOR
VISIT AT SOME UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE OF A MR.
"KADOUMI" WHO, KALOTI REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO AS "SORT
OF" FOREIGN MINISTER FOR THE PLO. (KADOUMI MIGHT
ACTUALLY BE QADDOUMI. HOWEVER, MFA OFFICIAL HAD NO
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FIRST NAME OR BACKGROUND
OF MR. "KADOUMI".) MFA OFFICIAL ALSO STATED THAT
GOI FELT KALOTI'S CREDENTIALS AS PLO REPRESENTATIVE
FOR SCHANDINAVIA WERE SOMEWHAT SUSPECT. HE OFFERED
AS REASON THAT EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN AMBASSADORS IN
STOCKHOLM REPORTEDLY HAD TOLD SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIALS THAT KALOTI IS NOT OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE
OF PLO. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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